

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE 2004/000628

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: C12N 9/16, A61K 38/46, A61P 35/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPI DATA, EPO-INTERNAL, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	Journal of Lipid Research, Volume 44, 2003, published online April 1, 2003, Rui-Dong Duan et al, "Purification, localization, and expression of human intestinal alkaline sphingomyelinase", pages 1241-1250, see the whole document	1-12,14-17
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Y	The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Volume 276, No. 2, 2001, Rik Gijsbers et al, "Structural and Catalytic Similarities between Nucleotide Pyrophosphatases/Phosphodiesterases and Alkaline Phosphatases", pages 1361-1368, abstract, figure 1	13
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

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P,X	The Journal of Biological Chemistry, Volume 278, No. 40, October 2003, Rui-Dong Duan et al, "Identification of Human Intestinal Alkaline Sphingomyelinase as a Novel Ecto-enzyme Related to the Nucleotide Phosphodiesterase Family", pages 38528-38536, the whole document & Database Uniprot [Online], accession no. Q8IUS8, 1 March 2003, retrieved from EBI, 100% identity in 458 aa overlap with SEQ ID NO:4 and 100% identity in 422 aa overlap with SEQ ID NO:1 --	1-17
A	Cancer, Volume 79, No. 3, February 1997, Erik Hertvig et al, "Alkaline Sphingomyelinase Activity Is Decreased in Human Colorectal Carcinoma", pages 448-4453, abstract --	1-17
A	Database GSP, accession no. ABB09008, 23 May 2002, retrieved from EBI, 99,8% identity in 458 aa overlap with SEQ ID NO:4 & WO 0198471 -- -----	1-17

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## Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☒ a sequence listing  
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3. Additional comments: